

RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS PLACED ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND  
AGENCIES BY PUBLIC LAWS, 83RD CONGRESS 1ST SESSION.

Public Law 179. Appropriations for the Department of Defense and related independent agencies.

- etings Sec. 605. Hereafter, appropriations for the Department of Defense available for travel shall not be available for expenses incident to attendance at meetings of technical, scientific, professional, or other similar organizations without the approval of the Secretary of the department concerned, or his designee for the purpose.
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strictions Sec. 608. No appropriation contained in this Act, and no funds available from prior appropriations to component departments and agencies of the Department of Defense, shall be used to pay tuition or to make other payments to educational institutions in connection with the instruction or training of file clerks, stenographers, and typists receiving, or prospective file clerks, stenographers, and typists who will receive compensation at a rate below the minimum rate of pay for positions allocated to grade GS-5 under the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.
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struction. Sec. 612. Appropriations available to the Department of Defense for the current fiscal year for construction or maintenance shall be available for minor construction (except family quarters). conversion of and extensions to existing structures, and improvements, at facilities of the Department concerned, but the cost of any project authorized under this section which is not otherwise authorized shall not exceed the following cost limitations, but only one allotment shall be made for any project or unit: (a) any such project determined by the Secretary of Defense to be urgently required in the interests of national defense, \$200,000; (b) any such project determined by the Secretary of the Department concerned to be urgently required in the interests of national defense, \$50,000; and (c) any other such project. \$25,000.
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tions Sec. 613. During the current fiscal year, appropriations otherwise available for construction of family quarters for personnel shall not be obligated for such construction at a cost per family unit in excess of \$14,040 on housing units for generals; \$12,040 on housing units for majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels, or equivalent; \$11,040 on housing units for second lieutenants, lieutenants, captains, and warrant officers, or equivalent; or \$10,040 on housing units for enlisted personnel, except that when such units are constructed outside the continental United States or in Alaska, the average cost per unit of all such units shall not exceed \$25,850 and in no event shall the individual cost exceed \$35,000, except units for the Alaska Communications System the individual cost shall not exceed \$40,000.
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quarters

Sec. 614. Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the current fiscal year shall be available for primary and secondary schooling for dependents of military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense residing on military or naval installations or stations in foreign countries in amounts not exceeding an average of \$225 per student.

Sec. 627. Numerical ceiling of 475,000 on civilian personnel.

Sec. 629. Maximum limitation of 9,000 pounds, net on any one shipment of household goods and personal effects (average of 5,000 pounds net). Limitations shall not be applicable in the case of members transferred to or serving in stations outside the continental United States or in Alaska under orders relieving them from a duty station within the United States prior to July 10, 1952, and who are returned to the United States under orders relieving them from a duty station beyond the United States or in Alaska on or after July 1, 1953.

Sec. 633. None of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for training in any legal profession nor for the payment of tuition for training in such profession: PROVIDED, That nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit persons now attending law courses from completing same.

Sec. 635. Not more than 20 per centum of the appropriations in this Act which are limited for obligation during fiscal year 1954 shall be obligated during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Sec. 636. The Secretary of Defense is hereby directed to submit by January 1, 1954, revised tables of organization and tables of equipment of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to the Congress, together with recommendations for decreasing the number of personnel positions, clerical positions, supply positions, and other administrative positions so that the combat effectiveness of our Armed Forces may be improved.

Sec. 638. The Secretary of Defense is hereby authorized to establish during the fiscal year 1954 forty-five temporary positions in grades GS-16, 17, and 18: PROVIDED, That the total number of positions in these grades available to the Department during fiscal year 1954 shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five including those otherwise authorized. In order more effectively to administer the funds appropriated to the Department of Defense, the President, to the extent he deems it necessary and appropriate in the interest of national defense, may authorize positions in the Department of Defense to be placed temporarily in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949 in accordance with the procedures and standards of that Act, and such positions shall be additional to the number authorized by section 505 of that Act. Under authority herein, grades 16, 17, and 18 in the Department of Defense may be increased only to the extent that the total of such grades in the Department of Defense shall not exceed one hundred and eighty, notwithstanding the provisions of section 638 of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1954.

Tuition

Sec. 641. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used for the payment of tuition or expenses for off-duty training of officers above the grade of first lieutenant in the Army, or comparable grades in the other military services.

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Passenger  
automobiles

Sec. 647. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the purchase of passenger automobiles except for replacement.

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Public Law 170. Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related independent agencies.

Leave pay-  
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Sec. 104. Not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriation in this title available for salaries and expenses may be transferred to any other such appropriation for the purpose of paying annual leave of employees separated from the service as a result of reductions of appropriations provided herein, but the transfer authority provided herein shall not extend beyond December 31, 1953.

Sec. 207. Not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriations from the general fund of the Treasury in this title available for salaries and expenses may be transferred to any other such appropriation for the purpose of paying annual leave of employees separated from the service as a result of reductions of appropriations provided herein, but the transfer authority provided herein shall not extend beyond December 31, 1953.

Personnel  
work

Sec. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any employee engaged in personnel work in excess of the number that would be provided by a ratio of one such employee to one hundred and five, or a part thereof, full-time, part-time, and intermittent employees of the agency concerned:...

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Public Law 195. Appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce.

Vehicles

Sec. 106. During the current fiscal year and when purchases are made with foreign currencies, the Department of State, is authorized to purchase for use abroad any passenger motor vehicle (exclusive of busses, ambulances, and station wagons), at a cost of not to exceed the equivalent of \$2,200 for each such vehicle.

Contributions

Sec. 110. None of the funds appropriated in this title shall be used (1) to pay the United States contribution to any international organization which engages in the direct or indirect promotion of the principle or doctrine of one world government or one world citizenship; (2) for the promotion, direct or indirect, of the principle or doctrine of one world government or one world citizenship.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foreign  
Credits

H.R. No. 762, Supplemental Appropriation Bill, 1954. The Committee expects that the Treasury Department, the General Accounting Office, and the Bureau of the Budget will take appropriate administrative action in their respective fields to insure that custody, control, reporting, purchase, sale, and accountability of foreign currencies and credits will be handled in accordance with the principles outlined in the Budget Bureau's January report to the Committee on this subject.

Management

H.R. No. 881, First Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, 1954. The Conference Committee was urged to authorize the use of funds appropriated to the Commission for employment of a firm of management consultants to make a survey of the Commission. Under the rules of conference the conferees were unable to comply with this request. However, it is believed the project is desirable, and it is suggested that the Commission call upon the Bureau of the Budget for assistance in this connection, a substantial sum having been recently provided this Agency for improvement of management in the executive branch.

Up-Grading

H.R. No. 426 regarding Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Bill, 1954. The Committee is very much concerned with the general tendency in both the Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare continually to up-grade jobs and to apply reductions in personnel primarily in the lower grades. It was found that there are several bureaus in these Departments that have more than doubled the percent of personnel in the top civil service grades during the past five years, and in one bureau the number of positions in the five top grades was five times as great in 1952 as in 1947 even though the total number of jobs decreased. If this trend continues, the Committee will give serious consideration to placing a limitation in the bill next year to force correction.

Travel to  
Meetings

H.R. No. 426 (See above). It has come to the attention of the Committee from several sources that officials of some of the bureaus of this Department do entirely too much traveling to attend meetings and attend conventions. Perhaps the most notable example was the plan of the Office of Education to send 40 employees to a convention in Atlantic City. This was brought out in the hearings on the Second Supplemental Appropriation Bill, 1953. There are instances when the attendance at conventions is important to the proper conduct of the work of these Federal Officials but, due to the gross abuse of the authority previously extended, the Committee has included a limitation in the bill to prohibit the expenditure of more than \$25,000 for this purpose.

Shipment of  
Household  
Effects

H.R. No. 341, State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriation Bill, 1954. The present Departmental allowance on the amount of weight on personal effects which Foreign Service personnel can ship appears to be excessive. It varies from 11,400 pounds to 24,000 pounds (exclusive of an automobile

which is also allowed) per family depending on the salary. The estimated average number of pounds shipped per trip has increased from 9,800 pounds in 1950 to 13,678 pounds in 1953, an increase of nearly 40%. The Committee expects the Department to adopt much more economical regulations in this regard.

International Organizations H.R. No. 341 (See above). The Committee expects the Department to make every effort to reduce the number of organizations to which we contribute in order to avoid duplication and waste and also to obtain reductions in the amounts we are requested to contribute. Reductions in our percentage of contribution are not sufficient if the overall budgets of these organizations are allowed to increase. Unless additional results are forthcoming, stringent limitations can be expected.

Vehicles S.R. No. 445, Interior Department Appropriation Bill, 1954. Specific authority was given authorizing the purchase of passenger motor vehicles to replace those that have been driven in excess of 60,000 miles. The Committee has not allowed the authority to purchase any passenger vehicles other than for replacement.

Vehicles H.R. No. 550, Second Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, 1954. In line with its policy of denying all requests in the estimates for authority to purchase new automobiles as set forth in the report on the First Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, the Committee has refused all requests for this purpose in the estimates for the agencies included in this bill.

Overtime H.R. No. 680, Department of Defense Appropriation Bill, 1954. A review of overtime costs in the Department, as contained in the January estimates, discloses a ratio of 3.84 percent of the total civilian pay, or approximately \$187,500,000 for the coming fiscal year. While as is understood, both the percentage and the total cost have been reduced in the revised submission, it is still a matter deserving of close attention by officials responsible for the establishment of criteria and the approval of work schedules.

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H.R. and S.R. Abbreviations for House Reports and Senate Reports.  
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